

these people. We get back newspaper clippings, blank pieces of paper and other irrelevancies.

Mr. Speaker, the White House claims that it needs more time to comply, but our first subpoenas were served on March 4; that is over 2 months ago. Moreover, the first request for documents pertaining to one key player, John Huang, were made by former chairman Bill Clinger on October 31, 1996, before the election.

Mr. Speaker, that is roughly 6 months of stalling by the White House, and the question has to be asked: What are they hiding? And why does the Whitehouse not want us to see any information about these 6 individuals?

Mr. Speaker, the first of these players is well known to all of us. Web Hubbell worked with Mrs. Clinton at the Rose law firm in Arkansas. After the 1992 election, Hubbell became the Number 3 man in the United States Department of Justice. In March 1994 Hubbell suddenly resigned from the Justice Department. In December of 1994 he plead guilty to tax evasion and defrauding his clients of nearly a half a million dollars, and he served a year and a half in jail. We have recently discovered that key people in the White House, such as former chief of staff Mack McLarty and Erskine Bowles, current chief of staff, solicited employment for Hubbell after his resignation which garnered him at least a half million dollars including \$100,000 from a company run by the Riady family. We have also recently read in published reports that the President's personal lawyer and a close friend from Arkansas knew that Hubbell's problems were of a criminal nature. In contrast, the Clintons have maintained that they knew nothing about the seriousness of the charges against Hubbell until he plead guilty in December.

Is there a connection between top administration officials orchestrating an effort to get Web Hubbell lucrative employment and Hubbell's refusal to cooperate with the independent counsel's Whitewater investigation? In the words of a prominent New York Times columnist, A.M. Rosenthal, quote, it would not take a particularly suspicious mind, let alone a prosecutor's to see high paying jobs as hush money to keep a defendant silent, unquote from the May 6 issue of the New York Times. Mr. Hubbell has invoked the fifth amendment and refuses to cooperate with the committee.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve a full airing of this issue in open public hearings. Who are the Riadys and why are we seeking to obtain documents concerning them from the White House? Mochtar Riady and his son James controlled the \$5 billion Lippo group empire. Lippo was John Huang's employer. Lippo has very strong ties to many countries in Asia including China, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Banking tycoon, James Riady, has known the President since the late 1970s when he was working in an Ar-

kansas bank. James Riady cemented his friendship in the 1992 Presidential elections by giving at least \$700,000 to the Democratic National Committee, its State affiliates, the inaugural committee and other soft money venues.

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After the 1992 election, James Riady returned to Indonesia, but kept up his visibility with the President by visiting the White House at least 20 times in the next 4 years. James Riady was present at the following crucial meetings at the White House:

On June 23, 1994, James Riady was present at the meeting with the President and John Huang. Soon after, John Huang was appointed to the Commerce Department in a key position by the President. That same day, James Riady had lunch with Mr. Hubbell.

Mr. Speaker, we need the information to clarify these relationships and see if criminal activity has occurred, and I hope in the following days to get into more detail on each of these individuals.

Soon after, Hubbell is hired by one of the Riady-controlled Lippo companies and paid \$100,000.

According to published reports it is at this same time that Webb Hubbell stopped cooperating with the independent counsel.

On September 13, 1994, James Riady is again at the White House meeting with the President and John Huang. At this meeting, it is decided that John Huang will leave his job at the Commerce Department and become vice chairman of finance at the Democratic National Committee.

What role did the Riadys play in the decisionmaking at the White House? Was the money they paid Webb Hubbell a factor in his decision not to cooperate with the independent counsel and to what degree was the President involved?

The American people have a right to know.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PAPPAS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PAPPAS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. FORBES] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. FORBES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. RAMSTAD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on National Peace Officers Memorial Day to pay tribute to the 14,318 peace officers who have paid the ultimate price to protect our law-abiding citizens in our communities.

The names of these heroes are inscribed on the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial located just blocks from this Capitol. Two hundred fifty-four new names were added this week in a candlelight vigil, representing 116 police officers killed in the line of duty in 1996 and 138 others who sacrificed their lives in other years.

My home State of Minnesota lost 3 police officers in 1996 who died in the line of duty. Brian Klinefelter, a St. Joseph, Minnesota police officer was slain by a liquor store robber. Rice County Deputy John Liebenstein was killed when his car was rammed by the teenage driver of a stolen car. A Dakota County, Minnesota Deputy Luther Klug was killed by a drunk driver who broadsided his patrol car after running a stop sign. The drunk driver had a blood alcohol content of 0.20, twice the legal limit in Minnesota.

Another police officer, a Minneapolis police department officer, sustained a very painful loss at the hands of a drunk driver just 2 months ago. The car of a drunk driver crushed the right leg of Officer David Loeffler, a rookie Minneapolis police officer while he and his partner were helping a pedestrian. This inspirational young officer sustained an amputation to his leg below the knee, but he is still determined to return to the force some day with the use of a prosthetic leg.

These heroes, Mr. Speaker, are the reason we celebrate and observe Police Week and commemorate police officers Memorial Day. We honor the fallen and we also honor the living, the thousands of peace officers across this Nation who stand tall, putting their lives on the line every single day they wear the badge.

This year I have the privilege of serving with the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. STUPAK], as cochair of the House Law Enforcement Caucus. The Caucus is promoting several legislative initiatives which I would like to call to the attention of our colleagues. These initiatives would amplify the message of Peace Officers Memorial Day.

The first is House Concurrent Resolution 41 which the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. STUPAK] and I have cosponsored. This calls for the creation of a postage stamp commemorating fallen officers.

The second is House Concurrent Resolution 47 which we have joined our colleague, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. FOGLIETTA] in sponsoring. This resolution would fly a flag at half staff over the Capitol whenever a law enforcement officer is slain in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, the least we can do to honor police officers across this Nation, those who have been killed in the line of duty, is to cosponsor and pass these two initiatives. So I encourage my colleagues to sign on to these bills